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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 7, 2010**

This paper is responsive to the *Office Action* (December 7, 2010), having a shortened statutory period expiring March 7, 2011. A Petition for a one month extension along with authorization to charge the requisite fee has been submitted with this response. While it is believed that no additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees that may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4882. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth below.

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